

Assembly Bill No. 1319

CHAPTER 264

An act to add Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 10700) to Part 7 of the Education Code, relating to adult education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1319, Liu. Adult education: joint data systems: California Community Colleges: State Department of Education.

Existing law provides for adult educational programs offered by school districts and community colleges.

This bill would make specified findings and declarations and would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that develops a coordinated adult education data system.

The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, using existing resources, to convene a working group of adult education and data experts to review the separate, existing adult education and noncredit instruction data systems, and report to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2007, on the feasibility, design, and cost of a common data set in adult education.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Existing law assigns responsibility for adult education in California to the high school and unified school districts, except where, by mutual agreement, responsibility is assigned to or shared with community college districts.

(b) The adult education system plays a critical role in providing adult learners with the necessary education and skills to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent, obtain jobs, and become self-sufficient, active, and productive members of society.

(c) Adult education is essential to the needs of society in an era of rapid technological, economic, and social change, and the adult education system must meet the needs of a growing and knowledge-based workforce and economy.

(d) There is a substantial need for adult education service. The state's large immigrant and English-language learner population, the large number of persons with less than a high school education, and the growing

demand for a more skilled workforce have generated an increased need for access to high-quality adult education and literacy programs.

(e) The current adult education and community college noncredit data systems function independently and are not coordinated, making it difficult to assess the extent to which these programs are meeting the critical workforce and social needs of the state. A more coordinated and unified data set would benefit the state as it grapples with growing adult education needs and limited resources.

SEC. 2. Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 10700) is added to Part 7 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 7.5. JOINT DATA SYSTEMS

10700. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that will develop a coordinated adult education data system that accomplishes all of the following:

- (a) Uses standardized procedures to collect data.
- (b) Complies with relevant federal statutes in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education.
- (c) Makes efficient use of existing data systems in the California Community College system and the department.
- (d) Is based upon individual pupil and student records that, preferably, can be linked through the use of a common student identifier.
- (e) Contains a common data dictionary that can be used to provide valid, comparable data regarding enrollment, demographics, outcomes, and other educational or economic policy issues.
- (f) Complies with all relevant state and federal privacy laws and regulations.

10701. The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the superintendent, using existing resources, shall convene a working group of adult education and data experts to review the separate, existing adult education and noncredit instruction data systems, and report to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2007, on the feasibility, design, and cost of a common data set in adult education.